

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-6 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 7-9, and canceled claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, to differently describe embodiments of the disclosure of the instant application and/or to improve the form of the claims. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are currently pending for consideration.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 7-9, and canceled claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, to differently describe embodiments of the disclosure of the instant application and/or to improve the form of the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7-9 as newly-amended fully comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-6 are allowed. In light of the above-discussed amendments to claims 7-9, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are

also now in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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